

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 12516

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, ET  
SUBJ: PMAC ANNOUNCES PRISONER RELEASE

1. DEC 24 ETHIOPIAN HERALD CARRIED ARTICLE ANNOUCING RELEASE  
AND AMNESTY OF 244 DETAINEES INCLUDING 22 WOMEN WHO HAD BEEN HELD ON  
VARIOUS CHARGES. STORY CONFIRMS RUMOR OF PRISONER RELEASE CIR-  
CULATING ADDIS FOR PAST SEVERAL DAYS.

2. AS USUAL, PRISONERS NOT IDENTIFIED. PHOTO ON FRONT PAGE OF DEC  
24 HERALD OF PRISONERS LISTENING TO PMAC BRIEFING BEFORE RELEASE  
INDICATES SOME OF THEM AT LEAST ARE OLDER THAN STUDENTS, INDEED  
ONE OF EARLY RUMORS ALLEGED THAT MANY OF THEM ARE MERCHANTS.  
WE WILL BE CHECKING FURTHER.  
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